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1. "GUARDIAN" OF OCTOBER 29 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE
BY JAMES MCMANUS DATELINES LISBON SUGGESTING THAT UNDER
STANDING WAS REACHED BETWEEN USG AND GOP OVER USE OF
AZORES DURING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT
US UNDER TOOK TO SUPPORT PORTUGAL IN UN DEBATES ON
PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES, PARTICULARLY GUINEA.
ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT EXISTENCE OF AGREEMENT WAS DEMON-
STRATED WHEN US VOTED AGAINST INSCRIBING STATUS OF
PORTUGUESE GUINEA ON UNGA AGENDA (WHILE BRITAIN
ABSTAINED).

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2. ATTRIBUTING HIS INFORMATION TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES,

MCMANUS REPORTS THAT PORTUGUESE BECAME ALARMED AT
MAGNITUDE OF AIRLIFT THROUGH AZORES FEARING THAT PORTUGAL
MIGHT BECOME TARGET OF ARAB TERRORIST ATTACKS IN RETALIA-
TION. THIS LED TO NEGOTIATIONS WHICH PRODUCED THE
ALLEGED "UNDERSTANDING."

3. COPY OF MCMANUS ARTICLE POUCHED DEPARTMENT (EUR/IB
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